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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 00,450)

PATENT

In re Application of:	Polverino et al.	)	
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Serial No.:	09/599,087	)	Before the Examiner: S. Rawlings
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Filed:	June 21, 2000	)	Group Art Unit: 1642
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For:	Secreted Epithelial Colon Stromal-1	)	
	Molecules and Uses Thereof	)	

**DECLARATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R § 1.131**

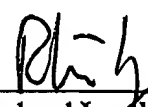
We, Anthony J. Polverino, residing at 2850 Marietta Circle, Thousand Oaks, California, and Roland Luethy, residing at 7300 Worth Way, Camarillo, California, hereby declare:

1. We are named co-inventors on United States Letters Patent Application Serial No. 09/599,087, filed on June 21, 2000.
2. The invention disclosed and claimed in the instant patent application was conceived and reduced to practice in the United States by us before February 1, 2000.
3. Accompanying this Declaration is a copy of a sequence match obtained by us before February 1, 2000 documenting a reduction to practice of our invention. This match was obtained following a comparison of a nucleic acid sequence derived from the amino acid sequence of a secreted polypeptide isolated from squamous cell and colorectal carcinoma cells to a proprietary EST database.
4. The date has been redacted from this document; however, the date is before February 1, 2000, the date that the FAPESP/LICR Human Cancer Genome Project (GenBank EST Database Accession No. AW351839) reference was published.
5. We hereby declare further that all statements made herein by each of us to our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Dated: February 8, 2002

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